

CLOSE WAS STEADY

THE TRADING WAS AT THE DOWN GRADE: THE CLOSE WAS AT PRICES AT THE LOWEST AND SHOWING MATERIAL CONSENSATION.

There was a marked increase in the volume of business in the cotton market today, the sales amounting to 22,750 bales. The market ruled firm during the early session, but subsequently sagged under the influence of a heavy rain, which depressed the railway shares.

The New York Cotton Market Was Affected by the President's Message to Congress.

New York, Dec. 17.—The cotton market opened higher by 4 points; further advanced a point or two on strong cables but sold off 6 1/2 points, principally owing to the president's message. The bears took advantage of the message to attack the market and met with little opposition. No new features were developed in the afternoon. The close was steady. Cotton spot was quiet and steady at unchanged figures.

Cotton Statistics.

New York, Dec. 17.—Cotton—Dull, middling, 8-10; net receipts, 2,500; gross, 9,500; exports to continent, 1,100; forward, 3,100; sales, 645; spinners, 1,400; stock, 145,000. Total today, net receipts, 2,500; exports to Great Britain, 400; France, 200; continent, 1,000; stock, 1,000,000. Consolidated—Net receipts, 1,750; exports to Great Britain, 3,500; France, 1,500; continent, 1,500. Total since September 1—Net receipts, 3,000,000; exports to Great Britain, 4,000,000; France, 1,500,000; to the continent, 2,500,000.

Liverpool Cotton.

Liverpool, Dec. 17.—Cotton—Spot demand, prices firm; American middling, 4-1/2; 5-1/2; 6-1/2; 7-1/2; 8-1/2; 9-1/2; 10-1/2; 11-1/2; 12-1/2; 13-1/2; 14-1/2; 15-1/2; 16-1/2; 17-1/2; 18-1/2; 19-1/2; 20-1/2; 21-1/2; 22-1/2; 23-1/2; 24-1/2; 25-1/2; 26-1/2; 27-1/2; 28-1/2; 29-1/2; 30-1/2; 31-1/2; 32-1/2; 33-1/2; 34-1/2; 35-1/2; 36-1/2; 37-1/2; 38-1/2; 39-1/2; 40-1/2; 41-1/2; 42-1/2; 43-1/2; 44-1/2; 45-1/2; 46-1/2; 47-1/2; 48-1/2; 49-1/2; 50-1/2; 51-1/2; 52-1/2; 53-1/2; 54-1/2; 55-1/2; 56-1/2; 57-1/2; 58-1/2; 59-1/2; 60-1/2; 61-1/2; 62-1/2; 63-1/2; 64-1/2; 65-1/2; 66-1/2; 67-1/2; 68-1/2; 69-1/2; 70-1/2; 71-1/2; 72-1/2; 73-1/2; 74-1/2; 75-1/2; 76-1/2; 77-1/2; 78-1/2; 79-1/2; 80-1/2; 81-1/2; 82-1/2; 83-1/2; 84-1/2; 85-1/2; 86-1/2; 87-1/2; 88-1/2; 89-1/2; 90-1/2; 91-1/2; 92-1/2; 93-1/2; 94-1/2; 95-1/2; 96-1/2; 97-1/2; 98-1/2; 99-1/2; 100-1/2; 101-1/2; 102-1/2; 103-1/2; 104-1/2; 105-1/2; 106-1/2; 107-1/2; 108-1/2; 109-1/2; 110-1/2; 111-1/2; 112-1/2; 113-1/2; 114-1/2; 115-1/2; 116-1/2; 117-1/2; 118-1/2; 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